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XLIV. CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1876.

SENATE.

Soon after being called to order this morning, consideration was resumed of the resolution of Mr. Mitchell authorizing an investigation as to the appointment of E. A. Cronin Presidential elector in Oregon, and after discussion, it was agreed to without division.

The question then recurred upon the substitute for the preamble of the resolution submitted by Mr. Bayard several days ago. Mr. Bayard spoke in favor of his substitute, and said it was not right to reflect harshly upon Grover by the preamble of a resolution offered in advance of the investigation.

After further discussion, Mr. Mitchell accepted the preamble of Mr. Bayard, in lieu of that reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and it was agreed to. The preamble and resolution as agreed to read as follows:

WHEREAS, It is alleged that the Governor of Oregon has issued a certificate of election to one E. A. Cronin, as one of the electors of said State, instead of issuing such certificate to one J. W. Watts, alleging that said Watts was ineligible to said office of elector, November 7, 1876, at the time of said election; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be instructed to inquire into the eligibility of said J. W. Watts, and investigate the facts attending the appointment of said electors and pretended electors, and report the same to the Senate, and for this purpose they may employ a stenographer, send for papers and persons, administer oaths and examine witnesses.

Mr. Wright gave notice that he would move to take up, immediately after the recess, the Senate bill declaring the true meaning of the Union Pacific Railroad acts.

Mr. Ingalls said the measure alluded to was proposed by the Judiciary Committee, and he thought it was of doubtful expediency. He had prepared a substitute for the bill, referring the whole matter to the Court of Claims.

After the transaction of some unimportant business, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday next, for want of a quorum.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills to remove the political disabilities of George S. Hawkins, of Florida, and A. C. Myers, of Maryland, were passed.

Mr. Garfield offered a resolution directing the Appropriation Committee to report in the Deficiency bill a provision to pay to the widow of Speaker Kerr a sum equal to the pay and mileage of Speaker from the time of his death until the end of the present Congress. Passed.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, in the chair, on the private calendar.

After some time the committee rose and reported favorably sundry private bills, but no action was taken.

The Speaker has announced the following committee to ascertain and report what are the privileges, powers and duties of the House of Representatives in counting the votes for President and Vice President: Messrs. Knott, Speer, Hale, Tucker, Maish, Burchard, of Illinois, Seelye and Monroe.

On counting the electoral votes: Messrs. Payne, Hunton, Hewitt, Springer, McCreary, Hoar and Willard.

The Speaker announced that he would be absent to-morrow, and that Mr. Clymer would occupy the chair.

Adjourned.

VERY PRETTY TALK.

The Democratic Mogul of the Keystone State Announce the Election of Tilden and Hendricks, and Demand Their Installment Into Office.

HARRISBURG, PA., December 22.—The Democratic State Committee was in consultation to-day with distinguished members of the party in the State, regarding the Presidential election. The following committee of thirteen was appointed to prepare a paper expressive of the sentiments of the meeting: Messrs. George W. Biddle, William Bigler, James P. Barr, Richard Vaux, B. F. Meyers, W. H. Davis, John Latta, J. Cummings, P. M. Pierce, A. J. Steinman, S. A. Bridges, John R. Reed and William McClellan, who is Chairman of the committee. Governor Bigler's report upon the Louisiana Returning Board was read and a recess taken.

The following address was adopted unanimously at the afternoon session of the Democratic State Committee:

To the People of Pennsylvania:

We address you in that spirit of patriotism which is common to all citizens of this Commonwealth. The political condition of our country is fraught with impending peril. The expression by the people of their intention to support those constitutional means on which will rest the issue made on the question of the Presidency may prevent what, otherwise, we will deplore. Whatever violates either the letter or spirit of the Constitution tends to weaken and may destroy our Government. There is not a question or a measure relating to the peace and happiness of the whole people exciting controversy and portending discord for which the Constitution fails to provide. The election of President and Vice President of the United States is a high and solemn duty of the people of the several States. An attempt to evade obedience to the popular will by any effort to distort the meaning of the Constitution or by misinterpretation of the law to seek to set up a barrier against the force of this declared will, is substituting revolutionary expedients for constitutional methods. The Senate and House of Representatives of the United States have by the Constitution the sole and exclusive power to settle all questions which relate to the validity of the electoral votes of the several States. In one event the Constitution gives the House of Representatives the power to elect a President. We therefore earnestly invoke from you every effort cognizable by law in the execution and support of the constitutional methods by which is to be determined who are lawfully elected President and Vice President of the United States. We invite these who feel the present danger to aid in all lawful means which may induce the Senators and Representatives of the States and people in Congress assembled to obey the plain intent and meaning of the Constitution and laws, and not in defiance thereto to place in high offices of the Government men whose title is tainted with fraud.

As free citizens of this Commonwealth, we suggest that you consider these measures which such a contingency may invite or command. We believe a large number of our citizens, who are too patriotic to be bound by the designs of the managers of the present administration of the General Government, are prepared openly to condemn the disposition they manifest to plunge the country into a sea of danger, rather than return to the people the true construction of them for a specified period of a Presidential term. The people will, with courage and calmness, and a full faith in their sovereignty as the source of all political power, make these declarations; then their servants may listen and obey. Believing that these opinions are entertained by all honest and patriotic citizens, we declare that Samuel J. Tilden and Thomas A. Hendricks were, on the 7th day of November last, elected President and Vice President of the United States. Self gratulation has no part in this, our solemn statement of fact, upon which we intend to rest our future conduct. We call upon the members of both Houses of Congress to adopt such lawful means as may lead to the official declaration of the fact that Tilden and Hendricks have been elected, and we urge them to resist with all their power the proposal to settle the ascertainment of a fact already accomplished by a reference of it to any other tribunal than that already appointed to decide it by the Constitution of the United States.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

James A. Coe, convicted of forgery, committed suicide in prison in Boston, yesterday.

Thomas Campbell has for the second time been convicted at Wilkesbarre, Pa., of the murder of Michael McNulty in Carbondale, on July 4th last.

A stranger named Patrick, supposed to be from Trenton, N. J., was found dead in Little Rock, Ark., yesterday, he having evidently died of heart disease.

The seventy-first annual dinner of the New England Society of New York took place last night, William Borden presiding. Letters of regret were read from President Grant, Governor Tilden, General Sherman and others. Among those present were S. D. Babcock, Joseph H. Choate, Isaac A. Bailey, Josiah Fisk and Elliott Cowdin.

Further particulars telegraphed concerning the double murder at Harrodsburg, Ky., on Thursday, say both Robert and James Gallagher, father and son, were killed by Zack Henry. Henry is a cripple, and was thrashed by Robert Gallagher some time ago. On Thursday he stood in the doorway of a hotel, and on seeing the elder Gallagher approaching, seized a double barrel shotgun and fired. Nine buckshot entered the head, heart and neck, producing instant death. James Gallagher ran towards his father, and the murderer observing him, fired the other barrel, eight buckshot entering his body. The son fell, but arising for a moment was shot down again by Henry, who used a pistol the last time. Henry is in prison.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Eastern Question.

SWEEPING REFORMS DEMANDED—THE PORTE'S ACQUIESCENCE DOUBTFUL.

LONDON, December 22.—A dispatch to the *Daily Telegraph* from Pera states that the reforms adopted by the preliminary conference are very sweeping. They include the admission of Christians in the Ottoman army, and the transformation of the Villayet of Sophia into a Christian province under a Christian Governor. The opinion is pretty generally divided as to whether the Porte will yield to the recommendations of the five Powers. The *Telegraph's* correspondent represents that Midhat's appointment means more vigorous action, and resistence to undue influence.

BELGIUM ASKED TO SEND TROOPS TO BULGARIA.

LONDON, December 22.—A telegram from Brussels says Belgium has been officially requested to send troops into Bulgaria. The Brussels press disapprove such action.

A dispatch from Constantinople says the preliminary conference has been summoned to meet to-morrow. Savfet Pasha will preside.

THE VERY LATEST.

LONDON, December 23.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the plan for the temporary transfer of a certain number of foreign soldiers into the Turkish service is a failure. No secondrate State will meddle with the Eastern question. Belgium had been confidentially sounded, and had declined to take any part in Eastern affairs; therefore it appears the plan of introducing foreign police into the Turkish service was mooted by England, but it was rejected by Russia. If any plan involving the presence of a foreign force be submitted to Turkey, it can only be the revival of the first of the above mentioned schemes, framed in general terms and recommended without very strong hopes of its success.

The *Post* announces in official form that Belgium refused to supply soldiers for the occupation of Bulgaria. Turkey proposed that each commissioner be accompanied by a thousand of his own countrymen as a police force.

A telegram to the *Times* from Pera states that the Sultan is ill, and his indisposition is of a nature to cause some uneasiness.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* reports that the Maros affair has caused an excitement which almost overbears the interest in the conference. The *Times'* Berlin dispatch says it appears that the aggressors in this case belonged to the Russian part of the garrison at Belgrade.

A Vienna special reports that Austria has accepted the reparation offered by Servia, and the Hungarian authorities have been directed to use all their influence towards tranquilizing the popular feeling in Hungary.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Emperor William closed the session of the German Parliament yesterday with a speech from the throne. He said, in reference to foreign affairs, that the negotiations of the Powers upon the Eastern question, as far as proceeded with, justify the hope that its solved peaceably, and the amicable conciliatory and peaceful intentions of the Powers immediately concerned, will be successful in solving pending questions without prejudice to the good relations now existing, and Germany will continue by friendly disinterested mediation to lend her co-operation for the attainment of this end.

The Lord Chamberlain of Great Britain has issued a mandate threatening to vigorously prosecute theatrical managers who violate the rules concerning facilities for exit.

The shareholders of the Jacques Cartier Bank of Toronto, Canada, resolved to reduce the capital stock to $1,000,000, to accept 5,000 shares paid up from the old directors, to free them from their responsibility for any loss sustained by the shareholders on account of the failure, and to ask Parliament for power to amalgamate with any other bank or banks the shareholders might desire.

Preparations on a magnificent scale are making at Delhi for the proclamation, on the first of January, of Queen Victoria as "Empress of India." Native princes and chiefs are arriving at Delhi daily for the ceremonies.

The steamer Austrian, from Baltimore, has arrived out.

The steamer Nevada, from New York, arrived at Queenstown yesterday.

Many wrecks on the coast of Aberdeenshire and Kinkardineshire are reported, and up to date thirty fishermen are lost.

In addition to these disasters, the Italian Bark Maria Gardell, in the American trade, has been lost off Stabbehead, and twelve persons drowned. These, with other casualties reported during the last few days, make the total number of lives lost on the east coast of Scotland and England during the recent gale fully 150.

A dispatch from Vienna reports that a socialist conspiracy has been discovered in Russia.

A London *Times* dispatch from Shields says the shores of the Tyne are strewn for four miles with wrecks. Similar accounts come from all along the east coast of England.

FIRE RECORD.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

PARKER CITY, December 22, 1876.

This evening, at about half-past eight o'clock, a fire broke out in the postoffice frame block, in a building occupied in the lower story by Mrs. Vaughn as a milliner's shop, and above as a dwelling by Mr. Hughes, of the Oil Exchange, and family. The flames spread rapidly to the adjoining building, occupied by Mr. Simpson, Secretary of the Oil Exchange as an office and dwelling. The roof of the next house above, occupied by John Allen as City Treasurer's office, and that of the postoffice, were on fire. The whole block was threatened, and it seemed must certainly be destroyed, but the well directed efforts of the firemen saved all but the two houses first on fire. Sendker's house, next to Simpson's, was badly scorched. The losses are: Lockhart & Frew, owners of the burned building and furniture, loss $2,000, insured for $1,000; Mr. Simpson's loss $700, no insurance; Mrs. Vaughn's loss $1,000, no insurance; Sendker's loss $700, insured; Mr. Hughes, loss $2,000, insurance $500; Philadelphia firm, building, loss $2,000, insured; Wood, damage to furniture, $150.

The loss at the recent Van Buren, Arkansas, fire, at which Callahan's cotton mill and gin houses were burned, is estimated at $20,000.

The house of Asa B. Young, near Cherryfield, Me., was burned on Thursday night. Gussie Young, aged eighteen, and a child, were burned to death.

On Thursday night near Southport, six miles from Indianapolis, William B. Miles lost a barn, eight hundred bushels of corn, several tons of hay and three horses, by an incendiary fire.

Yesterday morning, soon after a freight train on the Little Miami Railroad left Columbus, a car loaded with fifty barrels of coal oil was found to be on fire. The car was detached from the train, and burned down to the track. Loss about $600.

There have been no fires in Little Rock within twenty-four hours, and every precaution has been taken to prevent a repetition of the disastrous conflagrations. All tramps, vagrants and suspicious characters are arrested and sentenced to the chain gang.

The firemen of Indianapolis were unusually busy in answering alarms on Thursday night and Friday morning. Early in the evening a fire in the southeast suburbs called out the department, but being beyond the water supply they did not go. An hour later an incendiary fired a stack of hay owned by General T. A. Morris. At midnight the stable of Senator Morton was fired. Loss not heavy in either case. At three o'clock the floral hall of the exposition buildings was discovered on fire, resulting in the destruction of floral hall, agricultural hall, music hall and the green house of Thomas Lewis, with his gardener's residence. The loss on the several halls is about $15,000; insured for $4,500. Lewis' loss $20,000; insured for $10 000. The main building was damaged probably $1,000, fully insured. At four o'clock John Darby & Co.'s candy factory was partially destroyed by the overflowing syrup from a kettle taking fire. Loss $4,000, full insurance. At seven o'clock A. M. Landis, O'Connor & Co., wholesale grocers, discovered fire on their third floor, which was soon extinguished with small loss.

Bulletin of Steinway Piano Sales No. 83. Reported by H. Kleber & Bro., 122 Wood Street.

Miss C. F. Curling, a Steinway Square.

E. H. Sutmeyer, Esq., a Steinway Square.

Thomas McDermitt, Esq., a Steinway Square.

W. P. Hays, Esq., Steubenville, a Steinway Square.

L. Lauchardt, Esq., Johnstown, a Steinway Upright.

Miss L. Lytle, a Steinway Square.

James Park, Jr., Esq., a Steinway Upright.

Mrs. M. Y. Richey, a Steinway Square.

Mrs. A. A. Milligan, a Steinway Upright, etc.

Now's the time to buy a Steinway Piano cheap for a holiday gift, and what more precious and valuable to the family circle than one of those magnificent Centennial Steinways? They cost no more than any other decent piano, while they immeasurably distance them in every respect. Call at Kleber & Bro.'s and examine their unrivaled stock.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Wall Defalcation in Pittsburgh.

Postmaster Negley Responsible for the Money.

Suspicions Entertained at the Department Some Time Ago.

A Special Agent Urged Wall's Discharge,

BUT HIS ADVICE WAS NOT HEEDED.

House Members of Joint Electoral Committee.

NOT MUCH TO BE HOPED FOR FROM IT.

Not the Best Kind of Democratic Material Used.

Decision of the Supreme Court of Florida

A Recount of the Votes Ordered.

The Presidential Question Will Not be Affected.

Ben. Hill Repudiates Conciliatory Expressions.

Programme of Democratic Caucus Committee.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23, 1876.

Wall's Defalcation—The Postmaster the Loser.

The Superintendent of the money order division of the Postoffice, Mr. MacDonald, says that the defalcation of W. C. Wall, in the Pittsburgh postoffice, more concerns the Postmaster than the department, as he is under bonds of thirty thousand dollars to the money order office, independent of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars on account of the postal portion of his duties. It has been the uniform custom of the department to authorize postmasters at the large cities to make their own appointments in the money order branch of their offices, so that the responsibility would rest entirely with them, the object being to relieve, and in the mutuality of escape of the postmaster by pleading that he had no discretion in the appointment of his own clerks. For this reason, too, every application for protection to Congress for relief from losses sustained by the defalcations of clerks has been refused. The case of Wall was not a surprise to the department. Two months ago Special Agent Harrison was sent to the Pittsburgh postoffice to look into the accounts of the money order office. In the money order division here, an expert is employed whose sole duty it is to scrutinize the returns of postmasters, as compared with the statements of depositaries. It was evident there was something irregular, from the way in which the remittances were going down from Pittsburgh, by the surplus after paying certain expenses sent to Philadelphia. It was observed by the daily statement that the receipts were found less each time. When Postmaster Negley was called Major Negley's attention to the evident irregularity. Major Negley said he had great confidence in Wall, and expressed a dislike to removing him. Harrison again urged him, for his own security, to get rid of Wall. Negley replied with considerable emphasis that he had ample bonds for the protection of the department. Harrison, in his report, states the above facts. As the Postmaster was omnipotent in the premises, Wall was permitted to remain. Special Agent Hopkins has gone to Pittsburgh to make further investigations. According to a letter received at the department, Wall's defalcation is seven thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars. This sum is a little more than one week's remittance. When Postmaster Negley was here, about a week ago, he intimated no suspicion of Wall. The case has some singular circumstances attending it. One thing is certain, Negley will be held responsible and will be prosecuted for the amount.

The House Members of the Joint Committee.

Speaker Randall to-day appointed the House members of the joint committee on counting the electoral vote. The Democratic members are Paine, of Ohio, Hunton, of Virginia, Hewitt, of New York, and Springer, of Illinois; Republicans, McCrary, of Iowa, Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Willard, of Michigan. With the exception of Paine, Chairman of the committee, the Democratic members represent the aggressive wing of the party, and have repeatedly committed themselves in favor of extreme measures. Hunton is a man of limited education, and served in the rebel army. He has generally entertained ultra opinions on all questions involving the prerogatives of the House in the counting of the electoral vote. Hewitt's views are well known, and on the question of Tilden's success, he can find no solution of the political problem short of giving the House supreme control and counting Tilden in. Springer believes in the Democratic party, and during the war participated in a conspiracy to release rebel prisoners. His name on the committee gave even more surprise than the others, for it was conceded even by Democrats that no one in the House was less fitted for the place. The Republican members, on the contrary, are of the best material, men of moderation and learning. The House committee met to-night. Springer and Willard were appointed a sub-committee to look up precedents.

A Recount Ordered in Florida.

Senator Conover received a dispatch to-night, stating that the order of the Supreme Court of Florida for a recanvass of the vote of the State, and certificates to be issued in accordance therewith, upon the returns, will give the State and Congressional offices to the Democrats, but will not affect the Presidential question.

A Denial from Ben. Hill.

Ben. Hill has written a letter to a Georgia paper, in which he denies the statements accredited to him in some of the Northern papers, and in the main repudiates the conciliatory expressions assigned to him. He believes, however, that the Southern people have their own interests to subserve, and in that light it would be better for them not to participate in extreme measures.

The Democratic Programme.

It has been decided by the Democratic Caucus Committee to hold no meetings until after the holidays, when the Southern committees will report, and events will, they expect, have taken such a shape that they can adopt a definite line of action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1876.

PAYMENT OF JANUARY INTEREST

The Treasury will pay the January interest on United States bonds on the 25th proximo, without rebate, and will open on the District of Columbia bonds due January first on the same date, and without rebate.

NO RECEIPTS.

Senator Ferry says that in all cases where conflicting electoral certificates are known to have been issued, no receipt will be given by him to either of the messengers. E. A. Cronin has not yet presented his certificate.

PARDONED.

The President yesterday pardoned Madison Doom, imprisoned in Virginia for violation of the Civil Rights act. This action forestalls proceedings in the Supreme Court, and as this is the only known case of imprisonment under the Civil Rights act, the consideration of its constitutionality by the Supreme Court is indefinitely postponed.

ARRIVAL OF TROOPS.

Battery F, First Artillery, sixty-five men, Battery H, Second Artillery, fifty-four men, arrived here late last night from Fort Reno, and proceeded to quarters at the arsenal. The latter battery left this afternoon for their old post, Fort McHenry.

GOING TO CONSOLE WITH SAMMY.

Senators Bayard and Gordon, and perhaps Thurman and Ransom, also Speaker Randall, Congressmen Lamar, Hewitt and Watterson, will leave this city to-morrow for New York, by invitation, to hold an informal conference with Mr. Tilden.

THE CORN CROP.

The statistician of the Department of Agriculture, in his December report, makes the corn crop only two per cent. short of the egreat crop of last year, and fully fifty per cent. greater than the crop of 1874. The aggregate, subject to possible future revision, is 1,286,000,000 bushels.

FISHER FOUND GUILTY.

In the case of Charles G. Fisher, late Assistant District Attorney, charged with abstracting papers from the clerk's office of the District Court, the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. A motion was entered for a new trial.

A WEEKLY LIST OF UNITED STATES PATENTS

issued to the inventors of Pennsylvania and Ohio for the week ending December 19, 1876, and each patent will bear this date. Reported expressly for the COMMERCIAL by A. H. Evans & Co., Patent Solicitors, May Building, Washington, D. C.:

PENNSYLVANIA.

J. J. Bisel, Lowisburg—Book cases.

J. J. Bisel, Lowisburg—Revolving book shelves.

A. O. B. Orr, Steelville—Churns.

L. O. Smith, Philadelphia—Spool silk cabinets.

W. Gibbs, Allegheny—Split key machine.

D. Arndt, Mount Joy—Certain fixtures.

A. G. Buzby, Philadelphia—Postal paper tablets.

C. L. Calvert, Philadelphia—Trace holders.

W. Charles, Chartiers township, and M. McKain, Pittsburgh—Tail nut machine.

W. D. Connolly, Philadelphia—Tilting chairs.

S. Edgar, Espy—Ear mufflers.

Gageby & James, Johnstown—Lubricators.

N. Halsted, Scranton—Transportation packages.

G. W. Haskell, Philadelphia—Thill couplings.

O. C. Heller, Reading—Pavements.

M. Howie, Philadelphia—Recorders.

C. B. Hunt, Springville—Fire arms.

J. Jameson, Taylorstown—Water wheels.

O. P. Kennedy, Lundy's Lane—Car stoves.

J. Kidd, Harrisburg—Metal wheelbarrows.

J. Kidd, Harrisburg—Dishing metals.

W. Mathews, St. Clair—Alarms for boilers.

J. C. Moore, Philadelphia—Can heads.

S. S. Mower, administrator, Allentown—Coal sifters.

S. Selden, Erie—Stove pipe thimbles.

W. VanDusen, Philadelphia—Unloading vessels.

S. Zimmerman, Houtzdale—Money drawers.

Reissue—J. J. Bisee, Lewisburg—Revolving stands.

F. Jarecki, Erie—Shutoff rods and stop cocks.

Designs—J. B. Lyon, Pittsburgh—Glassware.

Trade marks—Galena Oil Works (Limited), Franklin—Lubricating oils.

OHIO.

H. Simpson, Pike Station—Nut locks.

C. R. Walter, Mount Vernon—Setting hedge plants.

G. Floyd, Cincinnati—Opera chairs.

W. Fogiesong, Dayton—Wire bending machines.

W. E. Buser, Chillicothe—Rocking chairs.

H. Miller, Cincinnati—Shaping cigar mold plungers.

D. & H. Roe, Madison—Cheese presses.

R. F. Stevens, New Philadelphia—Car brakes.

R. B. Whitzel, Columbus—Fire kindlers.

J. F. Wolfrum, Defiance—Hoisting apparatus.

W. H. Allison, Dayton—Ironing boards.

A. MacBrair, Cincinnati—Preparing labels, etc.

O. Poole, Springfield—Stove pipe dampers.

W. Young, Columbus—Plashed fences.

Reissue—L. C. Goodale, Cincinnati—Hoisting machines.

Trade Mark—Schmidlapp & Co., Cincinnati—Whisky.

THE INDIANS.

Rumored Massacre of Colonel Randall and His Party Discredited at Sheridan's Headquarters.

CHICAGO, December 22.—The report which came here this morning from New York, saying a Bozeman, Montana, dispatch had been received which stated that Major Randall and his entire party had been massacred by Indians in the Big Horn Mountains is entirely discredited at General Sheridan's headquarters. The roundabout way in which the news comes is in itself enough to convince the officers here that the report is without foundation.

On December 14th a dispatch was received from Fort Fetterman, stating that Randall and his party were at Fort Reno, which is situated seventy miles south-west of Fetterman. Bozeman is four hundred miles from Fetterman, and were this report true, it would undoubtedly have come to Fort Fetterman.

WASHINGTON, December 22.—No information has been received at army headquarters in regard to the reported massacre of Major Randall and his party by Crazy Horse's band, but it is thought the report may be true. Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Randall is with General Crook's command, and it is feared he may have been sent on a mission to obtain scouts and ran into Crazy Horse's band, for which General Crook has been looking for some time past. The story as told in Washington is that Major Randall and nearly all the Indians and others of his party were killed in the Big Horn Mountains.

OREGON.

Another of Grover's Tricks Exposed—An Address to the Democracy.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—A Salem, Oregon, dispatch mentions a circumstance not before made public in connection with the canvass of the electoral vote. The arms of the Lapidi Guards, State militia, were removed from the armory either on the day of the canvass or a day or two before, and returned a few days after. The Republicans say Grover had them in the State House, and his men knew where to find them, loaded for immediate use. The Democrats say they were removed to prevent the Republicans getting them.

The Democratic State Central Committee met yesterday and adopted an address to the people of Oregon calling for a mass meeting to-morrow night in every county on the 8th of January, to consider the political situation and protest against the returning boards of the three doubtful Southern States, and especially that of Louisiana. The meeting represented two-thirds of the counties, and was attended by other prominent citizens from various parts of the State, about thirty in all. The address is mainly devoted to a review of the action of the Louisiana Returning Board. An organized effort will undoubtedly be had to make the demonstration as imposing as possible, and strengthen the Democratic party in this State. The committee indorsed Grover's actions.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Adjournment of the Legislature—The Democrats in Secret Session.

COLUMBIA, December 22.—The State Senate and Republican House adjourned *sine die* this evening.

The Democratic House is in secret session. Their course is not known.

The Congressional committee is still active in looking after the election returns. A result is not likely to be reached for several days.

CHARLESTON, December 22.—The Congressional subcommittee of the House is here taking testimony regarding intimidation in the coast counties.

The Washington Light Infantry, who visited Columbia Nov. 15th with arms so hospitably received, welcomed General N. P. Banks at their meeting this evening. General Banks' remarks were heartily applauded, and cheers given for Boston.

COLUMBIA, December 22.—The Democratic House has adjourned *sine die*. This action leaves the two State governments acting upon their own responsibility. Chamberlain made a large number of nominations of county officials, which were confirmed by the Senate in executive session. Hampton has assurances of funds, and is proceeding also to organize county governments.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—Clear or fair weather, colder, northerly to westerly winds, and rising barometer.

The testimony taken before the investigating committees at New Orleans, yesterday, was of about the same average character as that heretofore published, and is omitted on account of its great length.

Two freight trains collided at the Little Rock Depot in Memphis, throwing two cars off the track and against the building of the Memphis Oil Company. The wall near the track was driven in and the roof thrown well driven out. The walls and roof tumbled in on three mules and a horse. A cooper named Randolph, working for the oil works, ran out of the building, and a portion of the falling wall struck him, inflicting serious and probably fatal injuries.

Last Tuesday night, about sixty miles below Memphis, a stable belonging to Thomas Stewart took fire, and was entirely consumed, together with eight head of mules and horses. On the same night, Mr. Graham, who keeps a store about half a mile from Stewart's residence, was murdered under circumstances which lead to the opinion that on seeing the fire Graham started toward the scene, and was met by the incendiary and murdered. Graham's store was broken open and pillaged of its contents. The theory is that the stable was set on fire in order to attract attention and assemble all the people to assist in extinguishing it, while the incendiary would be undisturbed in robbing the store.

In the Superior Court at Baltimore on Thursday, the question of producing the original telegrams in court, came up in the attachment case of Claflin & Co., of New York, against Robert H. Franklin, the claimant of the goods seized as the property of George Hughes & Co. The local managers of the Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies in Baltimore were served with the usual summons to produce the papers. They stated to the court that the rules of the companies prohibited the production of the originals without an order of the court, as they regarded telegrams privileged communications. Judge Dashiell directed them, by oral order, to produce the original telegrams, and the order was at once complied with.

THE BANK CONSPIRACY.

The Arrangements to "Tap" the Uniontown National Bank—Facts Elicited at the Hearing.

The Uniontown *Genius of Liberty* of this week gives the following report of the hearing in the conspiracy case: The hearing of Daniel Downer, Edward Northam and James Scott, before Justice Holmes, came off on last Saturday, December 16th, for conspiracy to rob the National Bank of Fayette county. The Commonwealth was represented by District Attorney Lindsey, W. H. Playford and A. D. Boyd, Esqs., and the prisoners by Julian Reardon, Esq., of Pittsburgh, and W. J. Ross, Esq., of Uniontown. A number of witnesses were called, and from the weight of their testimony it was evident to all that a conspiracy had been entered into by a number of persons to rob the Fayette County Bank. It was in evidence before the Justice that Daniel Downer, of Pittsburgh, arrived at this place on Tuesday, December 5, 1876, and immediately after his arrival commenced negotiations for a span and a pair of horses for which he promised fifteen thousand dollars), for the purpose of carrying away the spoils and conspirators after the consummation of the robbery. It was also in evidence that Downer and others on that day had taken a view of the front and back of the building in which the National Bank of Fayette county is kept. Evidence was further elicited that on Friday following, being December 8th, as late as 5:30 P. M., arrangements were still in progress to complete the scheme. Downer and another of the conspirators, whose name is not known, but is described as a tall man with a heavy mustache. The substance of the testimony before the justice relative to this last interview was that the strange man, who appears to have not been noticed by Downer until that day, inquired in the presence of Downer relative to the location of the bank building, the number of persons residing in the building, the size of the keyhole of the vault and safe, and whether the family who resided in the building kept a dog. After the close of the testimony and the argument on both sides by counsel, two of the prisoners, Northam and Scott, were discharged by the Justice, and Downer, in default of bail, was committed to prison to await his trial at March Sessions, 1877. Northam, however, was held on a process from the Court for selling liquor in Uniontown in 1875 without license and to incorporate persons, and was taken before the Court and entered into recognizance with C. H. Beall as his surety in the sum of $800, conditioned for his appearance at March Sessions, 1877.

Murder in the Oil Region.

The Parker City *Daily* of yesterday says: At Modoc, on Wednesday evening, about nine o'clock, two men named Luke Flood and D. A. Black, coal miners, who were both considerably intoxicated, engaged in a fight on the street. Among the bystanders, for it was one dark feature of the incidents of the tragedy to be distinctly seen, was Benjamin Black, a brother of one of the combatants. After the contest had progressed some little time, in the course of a struggle, Black threw up both his hands and called to his brother, "Go for him, Ben, I am stabbed. The blood is running down my legs," and he immediately fell to the ground. Flood, the assassin, made no attempt to escape, and was promptly arrested by the citizens. As the life blood of the murdered man was seeped up by the snow, and the horrified brother and his companions rapidly examined the prostrate form, they found that life was extinct. The clothing was saturated with gore, and three ghastly wounds were found in the region of the heart. A huge jackknife, stained with blood, was found on the spot, with which it was evident the ghastly wounds had been inflicted. The coroner held an inquest, at the conclusion of which the murderer, Flood, was sent to jail at Butler.

Larceny from a Bishop's Residence.

An intoxicated Irishman entered Alderman's Milliken's office yesterday and offered for sale a fancy inkstand, worth about four dollars. On being questioned as to how he came to possess the property, he replied that he had gone into the Episcopal residence, on Grant street, and asked for money, and that a priest had given him the inkstand to sell, because he had no ready cash to give him. Ex-Alderman John A. Strain, who happened to be present, at once concluded that the inkstand had been stolen, and he straightway collared the tramp and waltzed him into the presence of the Bishop, when it was ascertained that 'Squire Strain had "called the turn." Bishop Tuigg declined to prosecute, and the thief was released.

Keystone Flour.

Those of our readers who desire to secure the best flour in the market, at the lowest rate, should purchase the Keystone Flour. This brand of flour has never failed to give entire satisfaction to all who have tried it. The only firm in the city handling this brand is Allen Kirkpatrick & Co., the well-known wholesale grocers, flour and seed dealers, No. 271 Liberty street. They make prompt shipments, both in sacks and barrels. Their stock of fine New Orleans molasses is very large, and they are selling at the lowest prices. TuThs

FLORIDA.

The Supreme Court Grants an Order for the Recanvassing of the Vote from the Face of the Returns.

TALLAHASSEE, December 22.—The Supreme Court sustains the demurrer to the answer of the Canvassing Board, and grants a peremptory order to the board to recanvass from the face of the returns. The Democrats are quietly but heartily enjoying their victory. The counsel for the board gave notice of a motion to answer. The court adjourned to nine A. M. to-morrow, and announced its determination to adjourn *sine die* to-morrow.

John Voeter, Daniel Malley, Thos. Dale and Thomas Monagen were killed in the Continental colliery, in Schuylkill county, Pa., by the explosion of a keg of powder, yesterday.

MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY.

BALLOU'S.

If the January number of *Ballou's Magazine* is a sample of what it is to be for the coming year, it will be one of the most interesting publications to be found in this country. For only $1 50 a year's reading can be obtained, and such reading as will interest every one. Nice engravings, fine poetry, thrilling stories and much that will interest ladies and children. The contents for January are rich in good things, with something to suit all, grave or gay, old or young. For sale at all news depots in the country, and published by Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley street, Boston, Mass.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.

The January number of this magazine has been received, and presents an interesting table of contents. The illustrated articles are: "The Earlier Forms of Life," by Professor Hitchcock; Professor Huxley's Lectures, III; "The Parallel Roads of Glen Roy," and "Aboriginal Settlements on the Pacific Coast." Herbert Spencer contributes "Theories of Primitive Marriage;" Professor H. Newell Martin discourses on "The Study and Teaching of Biology;" Dr. Draper's Inaugural Address before the American Chemical Society, on "Science in America," is given in full, as is Dr. Maudsley's recent lecture on "The Medical Profession in Modern Thought." There is also a sketch of Sir William Thomson, with portrait, and a number of shorter articles, original and selected. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York.

APPLETONS' JOURNAL.

Appletons' Journal for January contains several notable features. A posthumous story by Mrs. Shelley, the author of the famous "Frankenstein," discovered among the papers of Leigh Hunt, will attract attention. It is a romance of a somewhat old-fashioned type, but very powerfully written, and full of striking incidents. An unusual feature is a long story in verse from an Arkansas author, the title of which is "Two Women"—a stirring and powerful picture of an incident of the late war, describing two women, effectually contrasted in all particulars of character, who are on their way to nurse lover wounded in battle. Whatever one may at first think of a poem of this length in a popular magazine, no one can begin its perusal without being carried breathless to the end. There is an illustrated paper on North-western water falls; an excellent article by Junius Henri Browne on Heinrich Heine; a good short story by Albert Rhodes: the continuation of Julian Hawthorne's "Out of London;" a very striking description of a winter sledge-ride over the frozen lakes of the Northwest; various papers on subjects of current interest; and, as a light finish to the number, an off-hand, rattling, sparkling story of the Centennial. The editor discusses scurrility in politics, intentional modesty in American women and other themes.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGEN

The Commercial.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1876.

TEA-KETTLE HEWITT is his name.

CRONIN is in Washington, and is hunting through the National Library for a copy of SLAWKENBERGIUS on Noses.

IT IS quite true that the COMMERCIAL has at different times freely criticised the course of President GRANT, and we shall not hesitate to do so again should occasion demand. The difficulty with the *Post* is that it is always and alike wrong—whether it praises or whether it blames.

BY what strange chances do men live in history. EPONTAMITUS by a torch; MILO by a bullock, DARNLEY by his limbs and CELIUS CRONIN, of Oregon, by his nose, which heralds the coming of the owner like a flambeau, possesses a wonderful esoteric significance, and is the promontory on which the destinies of the nation hang.

THE niggardly policy of the House with respect to consular appropriations has compelled the Government to abolish the United States consular agency at Portsmouth, England. If ever one was needed anywhere in that country, it is surely there, at the principal naval port of Great Britain, if it were only to keep watch of the naval movements of the British Government.

THERE is a returning of reason and sense in the operations of the Western Grangers. Utopian schemes have been abandoned, and the business is confined to legitimate work. The office of State Secretary has been abolished in several States, as also that of State Agent, thus cutting off a large expenditure of money. The important feature of the latter is that this co-operative plan of State agencies, which was to do away with middlemen, did not work successfully, and did not pay expenses.

WHEN the war closed the Government had an immense amount of rolling stock and other railroad material upon its hands. Instead of removing it, it was sold to the Southern railroads on credit, and their indebtedness to the Government finally reached more than seven millions of dollars. There were fifty roads so indebted and all but five have finally liquidated their indebtedness. The total amount now due, principal and interest, from these five is $1,768,568. This is certainly a good showing.

DION BOUCICAULT has perfected a method of making theatrical scenery fire-proof. The material is a solution of tungstate of soda, in which the canvas is soaked. When dry the canvas is primed with a solution of silicate of soda, the whole rendering it absolutely fire-proof. The solutions do not injure the scenery, but are said to make the artist's colors look particularly bright. The method might also be applied to the Democratic press, of which a great portion is as inflammable as tinder.

IT is a very significant fact that the publication of important documents giving educational and scientific information as the result of inquiries and studies of Government officers who deal with these questions, has been almost entirely suspended since the advent of the Democratic House. The Democratic party does not now, and it never has, believed in making the dissemination of useful knowledge universal among the people, and hence the spread of educational, scientific and other statistics is very much hampered at present.

THE *Shoe and Leather Reporter* states that the stock of hemlock leather in England will be completely exhausted early in

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cle with Sweden, Norway and the Republic of the Continent, as well as with their own shoe manufacturers. This would seem to indicate a sharp revival in the foreign demand just so soon as prices are settled, and the two markets have had time to adjust themselves and come again into working order.

THEY move slowly in England. The "Church party" in the London School Board wish to compel the teaching in the schools of the distinctive tenets of the Church of England, while the opposition desire that any religious instruction in the schools shall be confined to the simple reading daily of a chapter in the Bible, and the Lord's Prayer. The dissenters, who are equally compelled to support these schools, object, very naturally, to having the Church of England catechism forced upon their children, and the fight is really between Conformity and Nonconformity.

THE Democratic press is fastidious. The term "bulldozing" mightily offends its delicate sensibilities. Suppose we supersede it with the term "suasion," after the manner of the old Louisiana negro who had voted the Democratic ticket. A Republican asked him why he had done so. Said he, "I done voted de Democratic ticket 'cause they 'suaded me. You know I allus vote de 'Publican ticket, but dis time dey 'suaded me." "Well, how did they persuade you? What did they say to you? "Why, dey didn't say much 'o nuffin. Two'o' dem jes come up an' put a big hoss pistol each side o' my head and give me a Democrat ticket, an' told me to walk straight up to de polls an' vote it or dey would blow de roof o' my head right off. An' I tell you, chile, dey 'suaded me—dey 'suaded me."

THE Director of the United States Mint reports that the purchases of the Government for silver since the first of October, have been to the amount of $5,000,000, and that the average price paid has been fifty-four pence per ounce, which gives the Government a great advantage over the present condition of the market. In this connection we observe that German financiers are talking about coining a new trade dollar. Within the next three years the Government will have to sell over fifteen millions sterling of coin of great fineness, and the theory is that it will be advantageous to make the trade dollars of the same degree of fineness, so that they will be taken in the East Indies and China in preference to coins of a lower standard. It will be a pretty big job, however, to crowd out the American trade dollar which San Francisco has been pouring into those countries.

THE Indianapolis *Journal* states that the Irish of that city, nearly all of whom are Democrats, constitute by far the chief source of mendicancy and taxation for the support of pauperism. The experience of Indianapolis is representative. Indeed, so far as can be judged by the proportions of nationality of pauperism in our cities, and there is not much in the country, the Irish outnumber all other foreigners together. In New York, the chief source of pauperism is the Irish population. It furnishes more than all others of foreign nativity. The foreign pauperism, or cases of relief, in one year were 69,540, and 16,500 more than the native cases, although the foreign population was one-fourth less than the native. The ratio of foreign pauper cases to foreign population was one to six, the very worst beggary in any civilized land on earth. And nearly every vote of it went for TILDEN, for the Irish do not vote for a Republican once in a thousand instances.

VALUABLE testimony to the superior quality of American iron is borne by the United States Chief of Ordnance, in his annual report. The experience of the last few years has shown the great superiority of rifled guns over smooth bores, and the different Governments are as rapidly as possible substituting the former for the latter in their armaments. In this country efforts are being made to utilize the old cast iron smooth bores by converting them into rifles. The process which meets with most favor is to use coiled wrought iron tubes. These tubes have hitherto been imported, but a trial of a gun with a tube of domestic manufacture has demonstrated conclusively that our product is equal to the imported, notwithstanding the long experience in such work in English shops. The eight inch rifle with an American tube has successfully withstood over five hundred rounds with battering charges, and remains in serviceable condition. Up to date, three guns of this class have been tested with the most satisfactory results, two of eight inch and one of nine inch calibor, all converted from ten inch smoothbores.

SOUTHERN PATRIOTISM.

While we think it all right to give good heed to all the protests of Southern politicians against a resort to war to enforce political claims, we think it quite possible to put too much confidence in such expressions of personal opinion. Ben. HILL and Mr. LAMAR, and Mr. KEY, of Tennessee, and Major SHELBY, of Missouri, all talk like sensible and patriotic men in ridiculing the war threatenings of Northern Democrats and in deprecating the use of threats in settling grave political complications; but it must be taken into account that these four are too small a portion of the South to be considered as qualified to speak for it. One swallow does not make a summer, and a half-dozen sensible Southern men do not make the sentiment of that large section of the country. The South *may* be with them, as we sincerely hope it *is*; but, so far, it has given no open sign of agreement with them.

In like manner the concurrent expressions of a few prominent Southern newspapers, deprecating force and leaving to the North the initiation of the policy of resistance to the inauguration of HAYES, must not be construed either too liberally or too literally. The utmost that can be said of these papers is not that they are opposed to the policy of a new rebellion, but that they are opposed to the South taking the initiative in it. If such a rebellion were but once begun these papers would be the biggest devils in sustaining and promoting its prosecution. So far as the press of the South is concerned we see little as yet to hope for.

That the South, generally, and its thinking men, particularly, have a realizing sense of the horrors of war and of the ruin it brings in its train, we do not doubt. The men who have suffered from the war must have a keen remembrance of it, and a consequently keen dread of its repetition. This is, at the present time, the predominant feeling in the South; but how long will it last, and what effect will it have, should the Democratic leaders at the Presidency Mr. Tilden intends to exhaust every legal remedy before proceeding to violent measures. His programme is something like this: Between now and the counting of the electoral votes he will bulldoze public opinion as effectually as possible by public meetings, State conventions, warlike editorials, etc. As soon as possible after Hayes is inaugurated he will move in some court of proper jurisdiction for a writ of *quo warranto* to test the former's title to the office. Failing in this he will apply for an injunction to restrain him from exercising its functions. Then he will sue the President in trespass, *quare clausum fregit*, claiming the White House as his private property. After that he will bring an ejectment suit, in the course of which he will furnish an abstract of his title to the Presidency, and go over the whole ground of the contest in Oregon and the three disputed Southern States. If he can only be a cypher in this to recover possession of the furniture and personal property in the White House, hoping thereby to so embarrass the President as to compel him to relinquish the office. Failing in this he will sue the President for damages, in the confident expectation of recovering sufficient to pay the expenses of his litigation. Finally, having exhausted every constitutional remedy, he will send word to George W. Julian and J. Ross Dubbs, that if's of no use, and they may as well cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war. Upon these instructions they will cry, and let slip as aforesaid.

A BILL has been introduced in Congress to establish uniformity of law respecting bills of lading in all ports of the country. At present each State has its separate laws relative to these instruments; these laws frequently conflict; and hence there constantly arise difficulties, the effect of which is to seriously interfere with the negotiability of these titles to property. Embarrassing law suits have often arisen from these differences of law or of usage, and some of the decisions of local courts have been so manifestly inequitable as to make bankers and others very cautious about advancing money upon documents of such an uncertain character. The New York *Bulletin* says:

> It seems marvellous that this confusion upon a matter so vital to the convenience of business should have been so long tolerated. It is as essential that there should be uniformity in this matter as that we should have uniformity in the currency itself. A bill of lading, in fact, should be so guarded by Federal law as that it becomes a sort of currency, an instrument passing from hand to hand without risk or obstruction, and facilitating the general transfer of merchandise. It not only represents property but confers on the holder a direct title to it; and should therefore constitute one of the most acceptable of negotiable instruments. But it can never be such when it is one thing under one set of laws and a different thing under another. The right of Congress to enact laws on this matter is beyond question. If that section of the Constitution which confers on Congress the authority "to regulate commerce between the States" means anything, it must contemplate the regulation of a matter so common to inter-State intercourse and which so vitally needs uniformity of usage and of legal status.

PERSONAL.

"Brick" Pomeroy has just married his third wife, a proof-reader in the office of his paper. His second wife is a theatrical star, and his first wife has just taken her second husband.

In case of war breaking out between Russia and England, the active command of the English fleet would devolve upon Sir Henry Coddington, "one of the youngest admirals," who has arrived only at the callow age of sixty-eight. The admiral of the fleet is Sir George Sartorius, aged eighty-seven.

Boston grinneth from ear to ear. What for? Because the sculptor Bartholdi has written: "Art is a flower which must have its soil. This soil, of sympathy and encouragement, is found in some of the large cities of the United States, and *particularly in Boston, where it grows to a veritable decotion.*" Bartholdi has feathered his nest in that town.

Starving Wolf, one of the Cheyenne Arapaho chiefs, who was captured three years ago during the military operations against those savages, died at Fort Marion, Florida, a few days ago. He was tried and sentenced to imprisonment for life for brutalities proven to have been practiced by him and under his direction upon white settlers. He died of paralysis.

In a lecture in New York a night or two since, James T. Fields said that Christopher North's friend, De Quincy, called to visit him one afternoon, and remained one year and a half. After speaking of the peculiarities of North, the lecturer told the story of Professor Aytoun, of Oxford University, and Emily Wilson, the old professor's daughter. Professor Aytoun had fallen in love with Emily, but did not dare approach North on the subject. At length he asked Emily to speak to her father, and she did. The old man looked at her for a few seconds, and, taking out a piece of paper, wrote something, and pinned it to her sleeve. It read: "With the author's compliments."

A correspondent of the London *Times* who wrote about the closing exercises of the Centennial Exhibition was profoundly impressed with General Grant's imperturbability. He writes: "No one who watched him could have imagined that only an hour or so before he had been called upon to meet a serious national urgency. He had just sent his order to General Sherman, which has gone all over the world. I was discussing it with a distinguished foreigner and diplomat who has been long in America, and ought to know the President as well as most men, and he declared that it was without doubt the production of Mr. Secretary Fish. Next evening I happened to meet General Hawley, who told me that he was there when, just before the meeting in Judges' Hall, the President got the news which called forth the order, and that after a moment's reflection, and without recourse to any other confidential adviser than that nearest, dearest and discreetest of his counselors and inseparable companion, his cigar, the President then and there wrote off the order as coolly and promptly as he might have written an order for his carriage."

Several deaths of prominent persons have occurred during the past week, among them those of Rev. Simeon Howard Calhoun, an old and honored missionary to Syria, who assisted in making the first translation of the Bible into the Turkish language, the Duc de Galliera, the richest of the few Italian millionaires, who leaves a fortune of $40,000,000; of George Dawson, the famous Birmingham lecturer, who is described by the London *Spectator* as "a kind of literary middleman between writers like Carlyle and Ruskin and the English tradesman;" of Heinrich Credner and Frank Foetterle, two of the most eminent German geologists; of Maria Rossetti, sister of Christine Rossetti, the poet, Dante Rossetti, the artist and poet, and William Rossetti, the essayist; of Mlle. Julia Hessin, of the Paris Grand Opera, who made her first eight years ago as *Leonora* in the "Trovatore;" of Smith T. Van Buren, the youngest and last surviving son of the late ex-President Van Buren; of M. Battiste, the famous composer and organist of the church of St. Eustache, in Paris; of Colonel Thomas Dowling, a prominent member of the Democratic National Committee of Indiana; of the Countess Adele Andrassy, mother of the Prime Minister of Austria; and of Thomas T. Mansfield, a Connecticut organist and composer.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The Alabama Claims Commission expires by limitation the last day of this month.

Better give to the undeserving occasionally than lose the chance of relieving real suffering.

Acts I, 24: "Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two Thou hast chosen."

The American Paper Car Wheel Company has failed, and its effects have been placed in the hands of a receiver.

An Iowa mullet-head amused himself the other day by counting the seed in a millet head. He found 12,069 in all.

The potency of the unit. The next Congress will have seven or eight members each elected by less than ten majority.

Charity towards a needy population which cannot obtain work is the strongest possible argument in favor of Christianity.

A deluded Maryland parent recently christened his triplets "Tilden," "Hendricks" and "Reform." Result: They all died.

Business goes on swimmingly at John Roach's shipyard at Chester. There are five ships building, giving employment to 1,500 men.

Hard times? There were four hundred thousand dollars' worth of silks, laces and jewelry in one up-town New York store

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 22, 1876.

The money market continues steady and quiet, business being but little more than the ordinary routine transactions, such as will be kept up to the close of the year. The lull in wholesale trade and manufacturing operations is no more than is to be expected at this season of the year, and bankers accommodate themselves without much complaint to the prevailing quiet. All good applications for money are readily met at easy rates, the quoted figures being unchanged at 7@9 per cent. on prime commercial paper and 6@7 per cent. on first class collaterals. The tone of the Eastern and foreign money markets shows a little more strength. A recent report from London says: "The money market has become distinctly stiffer this week, and in the case of short loans as well as discount at the longer periods, rates have advanced a shade. For three months' bank bills the quotations are 1¼ per cent. Money for short periods is not so plentiful as of late, but is still lent at fractional rates, and short bills are taken at 1 per cent. and less. The advance in the value of money is the result of some increased demand, which appears to originate chiefly abroad."

—The clearing house returns of the leading cities show a moderately good volume of business for the first part of December as compared with last year, notwithstanding a material decline of stock speculation during the present month. The exchanges at the clearing houses of the seven chief cities, as collated by the *Public*, for the week ending December 16 h, aggregate $553,236,406, against $566,271,677 during the corresponding week last year. These clearings, it should be remembered, represent the transactions of banks having over $800,000,000 of deposits, out of about $2,200,000,000 in all the banks, national, State, savings and private, in the whole country. The decline, about 2 3 per cent., is less than it has been in any week since October. Following are the exchanges for two weeks of December, ending the 16th:

	1876.	1875.	Change per cent.
New York....	$ 288,464,869	$ 295,966,190	—4.5
Boston.....	128,148,093	119,854,732	17.3
Philadelphia	82,501,279	87,840,345	—5.7
Chicago.....	36,566,937	44,104,349	15.1
St. Louis.....	18,600,987	19,409,911	3.0
New Orleans..	7,586,234	10,773,703	29.8
Pittsburgh..	8,866,046	8,611,978	12 8
Total.....	$ 1,134,549,285	$ 1,161,121,810	—2.7

—The January dividends announced in the East so far show some reduction, several of the New York banks having made their announcements. So far the Oriental Bank has declared a semi annual dividend of 6 per cent; the Butchers' and Drovers' Bank, half-yearly, 4 per cent.; Merchants' Exchange, 3½ per cent.; Park, 3 per cent.; Hanover, 3½ per cent.; Metropolitan, 5 per cent.: Hamilton Fire, 5 per cent.; Tradesmen's Bank, 5 per cent., and Wells Fargo Express the regular dividend of 4 per cent. The small division of 3 per cent. to the stockholders of the Park Bank will excite remark. The half-yearly dividends used to be 6@7 per cent. The change tells the story of reduced bank earnings, especially by banks that allow interest on country bank balances. In this city no official announcements are made so far nor is it likely that any will be made for a week or two. It is thought probable, however, that the dividends declared will fall much below those of the previous year.

—The *Journal of Commerce* states in reply to an inquiry that the largest gold piece in England is the five sovereign piece, weighing 25 dwts. 16¾ grains; the largest in France the 100-franc piece, weighing 497.742 grains, and worth in our money $19.2955; in Germany there is the Brunswick 2 Wilhems d'or piece, worth £1 12s. 6d¼, but the ten thaler piece is the largest in ordinary use. It weighs 204.960 grains, and is worth in our money $7 90. The double eagle is the largest United States gold coin. Gold guineas (worth 21s.) and half-guineas were in circulation in England many years. The sovereign (20s.) is now the large standard coin. There is no more danger in the $20 gold piece than in the $10 as to the splitting process, even half-eagles having been treated in the same way.

—The downward course of the silver market abroad continues, the latest quotation on silver in London being 56¾@56⅞d per ounce; this makes the gold value of the bullion in our silver coins as follows: Trade dollar, $0 9607; 412½ grain silver dollar, $0 9435; two-halves, four quarters or ten *dimes* $0 8825. *Here silver continues in considerable demand, and the requirements of the retail trade for small change, being yet somewhat in excess of the supply.*

—Local stocks and securities furnish no especial news, business in that line being very quiet and all transactions of a private character. We note sales in Baltimore of Pittsburgh and Connellsville mortgages at 105; and Philadelphia of Pittsburgh, Titusville and Buffalo 7's at 50.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day. Furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

December 22, 1876.	10:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛
5-20's, 1865.....	117¼	117¼	.....	.....	117¼
5-20's, 1865, new.....	113¼	113⅝	.....	.....	113⅝
5-20's, 1867, registered.....	116¼	116¼	.....	.....	116¼
5-20's, 1867, coupon.....	116¼	116¼	.....	.....	116¼
5-20's, 1868, registered.....	113⅝	113⅝	.....	.....	113⅝
5-20's, 1868, coupon.....	113⅝	113⅝	.....	.....	113⅝
10-40's.....	113	113	.....	.....	113
10-40's, coupons.....	113	113	.....	.....	113
Currency 6's.....	121½	121½	.....	.....	121½
New 5's, registered.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Union Tel.....	71¾	71¾	71¾	71¾	71¾
Quicksilver.....	19	19	19	19	19
Pacific Mail.....	24½	24¾	24⅝	24⅝	24¾
Adams Express.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wells-Fargo Express.....	93	93	.....	.....	.....
American Express.....	53	53	.....	.....	.....
United States Ex.....	82¾	82¾	.....	.....	.....
New York Central.....	102¾	102¾	.....	.....	102¾
Erie.....	18	18	.....	.....	18
Michigan Central.....	98	98	.....	.....	98
Michigan Southern.....	85¾	85¾	.....	.....	85¾
Illinois Central.....	96	96	.....	.....	96
Chicago & Northwest.....	56	56	.....	.....	56
Do. preferred.....	79	79	.....	.....	79
Rock Island.....	101¼	101¼	.....	.....	101¼
St. Paul common.....	19¾	19¾	.....	.....	19¾
Do. preferred.....	37	37	.....	.....	37
Wabash common.....	4¾	4¾	.....	.....	4¾
Fort Wayne.....	100	100	.....	.....	100
Ohio and Mississippi.....	6¾	6¾	.....	.....	6¾
Harlem.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Jersey Central.....	37¼	37¼	.....	.....	37¼
Hannibal & St. Joe.....	14	14	.....	.....	14
Iron Mountain.....	12	12	.....	.....	12
C., C. & I. C.....	2¾	2¾	.....	.....	2¾
Del., Lack. & West.....	71½	71½	.....	.....	71½
South Carolinas, Apr.....	33	32½	.....	.....	32½
South Carolinas, Jul.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central..	.....	.....	47¼
Reading.....	.....	.....	19½
United Cos. of N. J....	137	137¾	.....
Phila. Trenton & Buffalo..	6¾	6¾	.....
Lehigh Valley.....	49	49¼	.....
Allegheny Valley 7 30's	.....	.....	105
Central Transportation	40	.....	.....
Empire Transportation	50	.....	.....
P., C. & St. L. m. b.....	84½	.....	.....

(By Associated Press.)
Gold closed at 107¼.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Money active at 5@7 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5@7 per cent. Customs receipts $156,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $268,000. Clearings $12,000,000. Sterling firm at 481 @485.

GOLD.

Gold opened at 107⅜ and closed at 107¼. Carrying rates 4@7 per cent. Silver bars 121¾ bid.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Government bonds strong and demand active; offerings small. Railroads basis strong and in good demand. State securities quiet. The stock market was strong and higher for coal stocks and generally weak and lower for other securities. Illinois Central advanced from 95 to 98; and St. Paul preferred was firmer. The decline in trunk line shares was occasioned by a statement that the Grand Trunk Railroad had established an independent line to Chicago. Michican Central was particularly depressed because of the belief that this arrangement will seriously affect its earnings. Transactions, 67,000 shares, of which 5,000 were Pacific Mail, 15,000 Western Union, 13,000 St. Paul preferred, 2,000 Erie, 50,000 Lake Shore 2,400 New York Central, 2,000, Wabash, 14,000 Michigan Central, 14,000 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and 1,600 New Jersey Central. The following were the closing quotations:

STOCKS.

West. Union Tel..	71¾	Rock Island.....	101¼
Quicksilver.....	19	St. Paul.....	19¾
Do. preferred.....	39	Do. preferred.....	37⅝
Pacific Mail.....	24¾	Toledo & Wabash..	5¾
Mariposa.....	7	Ft. Wayne.....	100
Adams Express.....	101¼	Terre Haute.....	3
Wells Fargo Ex..	93	Do. preferred....	15
American Ex..	53¼	Chicago & Alton..	99
United States Ex..	82¾	New York Central	102¾
New York Central	102¾	Erie.....	18
Do. preferred....	107¾	Ohio & Mississippi.	6¾
Harlem.....	137½	Del. & Lack.....	71½
Do. preferred....	133	Atlantic & P. pref.	3
Michigan Central.	98¾	Indiana Central..	97
Panama.....	125	Fort Wayne.....	100
Lake Shore.....	85¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	13¾
Illinois Central..	96	Union Pac. stock..	56
Cleve. and Pitts..	89¾	Union Pac. bonds..	105¾
North western.....	56¾	Union Pac. lands..	104¾
Do. preferred....	79¾	Do. land grants..	105¾
C. C. C. & I.....	97	Do. S. F. bonds..	97¾
N. J. Central.....	37¼		

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. coupons, 1881..	107¾	New 5's.....	113¼
5-20's, 1865.....	107¾	New 4½'s.....	107¾
5-20's, 1865, new....	113¼	4's registered..	107¾
5-20's, 1867.....	116¼	4's coupons....	107¾
5-20's, 1868.....	117¼	Currency 6's.....	121½
STATE SECURITIES.			
Tennessee, old.....	42¾	Virginia, old.....	29
Tennessee, new....	40	Missouri 6's.....	101¾
Virginia, new.....	30		

LONDON, December 22, 5 P. M.—Silver 56¾d per ounce. Consols 94⅛. United States bonds—5 20's, 1865, 105½; do. 1867, 107⅝; 10-40's 106; new 5's 106⅝. Railroad securities—New York Central 102; Erie 9¾; preferred 17.

PARIS, December 22 Rentes 105 francs 7½ centimes.

FRANKFORT, December 22.—United States bonds—New 5's 101¾.

NEW ORLEANS, December 22.—Gold 107¾. Sight exchange on New York ¼ per cent. discount. Sterling exchange 517¾.

GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, December 22, 1876.

The state of general trade in this city is in no important particular different from what it was yesterday, the holiday business absorbing attention, and all other remaining steady. If there are no advances of special note to report, there are no signs of weakening, and dealers mostly are satisfied with the condition of things, considering the season.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce since those named yesterday are the following:

Flour, bbls.....	1,284	Apples, bbls.....	24
Wheat, bus.....	5,600	Hay, tales.....	56
Barley, bus.....	760	Butter, pkgs.....	2,475
Oats, bus.....	5,920	Bacon, pcs.....	25
Corn, bus.....	1,711	Bacon, lds.....	
Rye, bus.....	100		

The quotations given in the following reports are prices realized in wholesale transactions, unless otherwise specified. On small sales, dealers will charge an advance. Prices of grain, unless stated to the contrary, are free in elevator.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

GRAIN—The grain market is quite firm, and prices are entirely unchanged. We continue to quote prime Ohio and Pennsylvania red wheat at $1 40@1 42 ₱ bushel; amber do $1 45; white $1 45@1 50. Corn is in good demand and in the car ranner scarce and considerably inquired after. There are no changes in prices to mind, and we continue to quote yellow at 53@55c; prime new shelled 52@53c. Oats remain at 39@40c ₱ bushel for mixed; white; mixed 38@39c. Rye is in good supply and to the demand, and quoted at 70@75c. Barley is unchanged and quiet at 90c for choice; 75@80c for good to prime spring; prime fall $1 00@1 10; jobbing sales at the extreme values.

FLOUR—Is active and a rise anticipated. We give former quotations, with the remark that they are considered close. Minnesota might possibly be quoted a little in advance of the quotations below. We report the names of yesterday unchanged. Nol white wheat, fourat $7 50@7 50 ₱ barrel; No. 1 amber do $7 00@7 25; prime red wheat flour $6 50@6 75; in sacks 25c less ₱ barrel. The jobbing prices of standard brands are as follows: Choice brands of red winter wheat flour $6 50@6 75; white wheat flour $7 25@7 50; Wisconsin $6 25@6 50; Minnesota $7 85@7 15; fancy St. Louis $8 75@9 25; Graham flour $5 50@5 75; cornmeal $4 ₱ bushel; oatmeal $7 ₱ barrel; kegs $3 75; rye flour $4 25@4 50 ₱ barrel.

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Java.....	30c	Franklin, B.....	10½@10¾c
Roasted Coffees.		Powdered.....	11¾c
Rio in papers.....	27c	Cut Loaf.....	11¾c
24 grades do..	24 @26 c	Crushed.....	11 c
Rio in bulk.....	23@25c	Powdered.....	10¾c
Java, in papers..	31c	Granulated.....	12½c
Java, in bulk.....	30c	*Molasses.*	₱ gall.
Teas.		Fancy ch. N. O.	70c
Young Hyson..	60@1 00	Prime.....	55@58c
Gunpowder..	80@1 00	*Syrups.*	
Imperial.....	80@1 00	Ex. white drips..	64@65c
Japan.....	80@1 00	Sugar drips.....	55c
Oolong.....	80@1 00	Lower grades..	52@55c
Fancy do.....	1 00	*Starch.*	₱ lb
Souchong..	80@ 75	Pearl.....	8½@8½c
Spices (whole.)		Silver gloss.....	9½@9¾c
Cloves.....	45 c	Corn.....	7½@10½c
Allspice.....	17 c	*Rice.*	
Cassia.....	30@31 c	Choice Carl'a..	6½@7 c
Nutmegs.....	@1 16	Patna.....	7 @7½c
Pepper.....	18 c	Rangoon.....	7 c
Soaps.		Louisiana.....	6 c
Irish soap, ₱ box..	@4 20	*Soda.*	
S. S. Star, ₱ box..	5 75	Bi-carb, in kgs	4½@5 c
Babbitt's Best, ₱ box..	6 25	Bi-carb in bbls..	4½@5 c
Gold do.....	6 25	Bi-carb in papers.	6½c
Extra olive.....	6 25	*Saltpetre.*	
Do. S. Y. City, ₱ box..	4 50	Star, full wt'..	16 c
Germannostitled do	6	Stearine.....	11@13 c
California, ₱ box..	3 50	Candles.....	10½@

FISH—The market is moderately active with a fair demand and unchanged prices. Quotations are as follows:

	Per bbl.		Per bbl.
Extra No. 1 Mess		Round herring....	@6 00
mackerel.....	@27 00	Split Labrador do	7 50
Extra No. 1 shore	20 00	Lake Pick., hf-bbls	3 50
Extra No. 1 bay	17 00	Lake Herring, do.	2
Extra No. 2 large	12 00	Lge. Georges cod-	
No. 2 medium....	12 50	fish, ₱ lb.....	6
Large No. 3.....	11 00	Medium Georges.	
No. 3 medium..	8 50	Halibut, ₱ lb....	12½
Whitefish, hf-bbls	5 00	No. 1 Herring, ₱ box	35
Lake Trout do..	4 50	Scaled herring do	40

FOREIGN FRUITS—There is a moderate trade. We quote as follows: Raisins—Layers, new, ₱ box, $2 25; London layers, new, $3 25; Muscatel $2 50; mat raisins $5 25 ₱ mat; Valentias, new, 10½c ₱ lb; Sultanas 12c. Dates 6@7c ₱ lb. Currants 7½c. Citron 30c. Prunes 6½c. Almonds—Languedoc 25c; do shelled 38c; do Princess 37c; do Jordan 35c, do Tarica 22c. Walnuts—Naples 20c; Marbot 15c; Sicily filberts 16c. Smyrna figs, new, 15c. Brazil nuts 10c. Maccaroni 11@15c. Tapioca 10c. Lemons—Palermo, ₱ box, $5 00. Oranges—Florida $3 50 ₱ hundred. Cocoanuts $6 00 ₱ hundred.

CANNED GOODS—Trade is fair at unchanged quotations. We quote green peas, 3 cans per doz. 82 25; raspberries do $2 00; strawberries do $1 75; gooseberries do $1 35; pineapples do, $2 20; blackberries do, $1 50; peaches, 3 lb cans per doz. $2 25; tomatoes do, $2 00; pickles, bbls, $8 50; half-bbls, $5 00.

Glass and Glassware.

WINDOW GLASS—The demand is but moderate and the sales slow. Prices remain as when last reported and no change in discounts, except an increase of five per cent. on orders from jobbers. Below are the list prices of the Western Association, on which 70 per cent. discounts are 50 per cent. in car loads; 45 per cent. in less amounts on orders from jobbers; 30@35 per cent. to small dealers and retailers. Terms sixty days, with 2 per cent. off for cash in ten days. The following are the new card prices per box of fifty feet:

SIZE.	SINGLE STRENGTH. AA	A	B	C
6x 8 to 8x10	$4 75	$4 25	$4 00	$3 50
8x11 to 10x14	5 00	4 50	4 00	3 75
8x14 to 10x15	5 25	4 75	4 25	3 75
9x16 to 12x17	5 75	5 25	4 50	4 00
12x18 to 14x20	6 00	5 50	4 75	4 00
15x20 to 16x24	6 25	6 00	5 00	4 25
18x22 to 20x30	7 75	7 25	5 50	4 50
20x30 to 24x30	9 00	8 50	7 00	5 75
20x28 to 24x36	9 25	8 75	6 50	quality
20x36 to 30x44	10 50	9 50	7 50	6 20
30x46 to 30x50	11 99	9 00	7 50	6 20 cut.

SIZE.	DOUBLE STRENGTH. AA	A	B	C
6x 8 to 8x10	$7 00	$6 50	$6 00	$5 50
8x11 to 10x14	8 00	7 50	7 00	6 50
8x14 to 10x15	8 25	7 75	6 75	6 50
9x16 to 12x17	8 75	8 25	7 25	7 25
12x18 to 14x20	9 00	8 50	7 75	7 25
15x20 to 16x24	9 50	9 00	8 25	7 75
18x22 to 20x30	11 50	10 50	9 00	8 50
20x30 to 24x30	12 50	10 50	10 00	No. 4th
20x28 to 24x36	13 25	11 50	10 50	quality
20x36 to 30x44	15 50	12 50	11 50	above 26
20x46 to 30x50	16 25	13 00	12 50	x50 cut.
30x32 to 30x54	16 75	14 00	13 00	
34x36 to 34x55	18 00	16 00	14 00	
36x30 to 36x50	20 00	17 50	16 00	
40x30 to 40x36	22 00	20 00	18 00	
40x40 to 40x60	25 00	22 50	20 00	
40x70 to 40x70	30 00	25 00	22 50	

All sizes over 84 inches in length, and not making 91 united inches, will be charged in 34 cent. will be charged for all glass more than 40 inches wide. Unless taken by agents are subject to approval of manufacturers when received from factory.

GLASSWARE—Trade in glassware is only moderate. Discounts on glass are unchanged as follows: On druggists' flint prescription, 50 per cent. for cash; on black bottles 50c; flint lamp chimneys 25@33⅓ per cent. We quote lamp chimneys, No. 0, ₱ doz. 55c; No. 1, ₱ doz. 55c; No. 2, ₱ doz. 60c; No. 3, ₱ doz. $1 00; German flint glass—No. 0, 75 and 1 polish round, 55c; No. 2, plain round, 60c.

Petroleum.

December 22.—The oil market was a quiet one, presenting nothing of special importance. The fact is, dealers are apart in their views and a compromise will have to be effected before sales to any extent are made. Prices are altogether nominal. We quote refined, free on cars, at 27c to the home trade 28c. The Eastern markets are still unsettled, with a wide difference in the views of dealers in regard to the future. At New York spots and January could be held at 30c without reported sales; first half of January 29c; first half of February 27½c. Baltimore and Philadelphia both sympathize with New York; prices uncertain and must be taken with allowance; quoted at 30c for December; 29c for January and 27c for February and March.

PARKERS, December 22, 5:30 P. M.—The crude oil market to-day opened strong. United and Consolit $2 55 bid; it advanced during the morning to $2 77½. Then reacted, selling down to $2 70, again advanced to $2 75, with a further depression to $2 72½, closing weak at that figure. Shipment in pariser better demand, but holders asking high figures have checked business and transactions have been light at 10@12½c over certificates. Prices for Union still 15c below United and Consolit, with no inquiry. The shipment from the lower district on Thursday, owing to a scarcity of cars, were only 18,228 barrels, the smallest for any day of the month to the 21st instant was 30,235 barrels.

(By Western Union Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, December 22.—Evening.—The market is yet lifeless; exporters indifferent, but no further change made in prices; refiners at current figures and dissatisfied over their opponents. We quote New York spots as follows: Crude in tanks 7c in barrels 8c; city naphtha 15c asked in shipping order; refined in barrels 20c for late December; 20c for first half of January and 27½c for first half of February; cases 35@37c. At Philadelphia refined rated at 20c for December; 20c for first half of January and 27½c for first half of February.

PARKERS, December 22.—Market firmer. Crude at 8@8½c; shipment nominal at about $4 72@3 75; nothing doing.

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MILL FEED—Is quiet at the following rates: Bran $15 00@16 00 per ton; middlings $16 00@ 17 00; seconds and shipstuffs $15 00@16 00; chopped feed $20 00@22 00.

Country Produce.

APPLES—Are rather dull and quoted at 25c @$1 25 ₱ bbl for common; prime $1 25@1 50. A few particularly choice ones were sold at $1 75.

APPLE BUTTER—Is dull also, and bol l at 4@5 45c ₱ gallon.

BEESWAX—Dull and quoted at 28@29c ₱ ₱.

BEANS—Are in fair demand at $1 90@2 00 for prime white navy.

BROOM-CORN—Is in some demand in small lots, with prices unchanged from figures as recently given. We quote as follows: Choice Pennsylvania hurl, 5½@6c; good hurl, 5@5½c; inferior do, 4@4½c; medium green 4@4½c; red-topped 3½@4c; inferior not desired; crooked in fair demand at about 3½ per cent. off from the prices given as to quality.

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Souchong..	80@ 75	Pearl.....	8½@8½c
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CITY MATTERS.

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Weather Report.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV., ROOM 23, FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, PA., December 22, 1876.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	WIND. Miles P hour	Weath
7 A.M.	29.693	23	100	N.	3	Foggy.
2 P.M.	29.336	23	79	N.W.	3	Snow
9 P.M.	29.680	29	89	N.W.	6	Cloudy

Mean barometer...29.647; Mean thermom... 27.7; Rainfall.....0.08*
Highest thermom... 31
Lowest thermom... 17

*Melted snow.

WAR DEPARTMENT. SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY, PITTSBURGH, December 22, 1876, 10:48 P. M.

Cairo, Ills—Ther. 28; wind N.; cloudy.
Cincinnati, O.—Ther. 29; wind N. W.; cloudy.
Davenport, Iowa—Ther. 8; wind N. W.; clear.
Denver, Col.—Ther. 9; wind N.; heavy snow.
Indianapolis, Ind.—Ther. 24; wind N. W.; fair.
Keokuk, Iowa—Ther. 13; wind N.; clear.
Leavenworth, Ks.—Ther. 22; wind N.; cloudy.
Louisville, Ky.—Ther. 29; wind N. W.; clear.
Memphis, Tenn.—Ther. 40; wind N. W.; hazy.
Nashville, Tenn.—Ther. 36; clear.
Omaha, Neb.—Ther. 14; wind N.; fair.
Pittsburgh—Ther. 28; wind N. W.; cloudy.
Portland, Oregon—Ther. 42; fair.
Salt Lake City—Ther. 27; wind N. W.; fair.
San Diego, Cal.—Ther. 54; clear.
San Francisco, Cal.—Ther. 55; wind N. W.; clear.
Santa Fe, N. M.—Ther. 29; wind S.; light snow.
Shreveport, La.—Ther. 47; cloudy.
St. Louis, Mo.—Ther. 30; wind N. E.; fair.
Vicksburg, Miss.—Ther. 49; wind N. E.; fair.
Virginia City, Mon.—Ther. 5; wind E.; light snow.
Fort Gibson—Ther. 31; wind N.; clear.

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Sudden Death.

John F. Reynthaler, a prominent live stock dealer, of the East End, died suddenly, in Philadelphia, on Thursday last. His disease is supposed to have been apoplexy.

Admitted to the Bar.

Yesterday morning, on motion of S. A. McClung, Esq., Mr. George W. Hazen was qualified and admitted to practice in the courts of Allegheny county. Mr. Hazen, who read with R. B. Petty, Esq., passed a highly creditable examination at the late meeting, and was publicly complimented by the Court.

Old City Hall for Murphy's Meetings.

Mr. Francis Murphy finds it difficult to secure a hall sufficiently ample to accommodate the thousands who flock to hear him. An application has been made to Councils, in his behalf, for the use of Old City Hall, while he remains in the city. The matter has been referred to the Market Committee, and it is hoped a favorable report will be made, and the use of the hall granted. He is doing a good work here, and ought to be liberally encouraged.

Fatal Accident.

William Schmelze, aged about fourteen years, got on board a freight train somewhere down the Fort Wayne road Thursday afternoon to ride to the city, his home being with his stepfather on the South Side. A short distance below Sewickley he was put off by the conductor. Near the station he attempted to get on another freight train which was passing, when his foot slipped and he fell, the wheels passing over one leg. He was removed to a boarding house in the neighborhood, where three o'clock yesterday morning. Coroner McCallin held an inquest, and the jury gave a verdict of accidental death.

Freight Rates on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

Taking effect at once, the rates on fourth class freights and iron, car loads, from Pittsburgh over the Pennsylvania Railroad, will be as follows:

	Fourth class. Per 100 lbs. Cents.	Iron, car loads. Per 100 lbs. Cents.
To New York	20	18
To Philadelphia	18	16
To Baltimore	18	15

Other classes remain unchanged.

C. A. CARPENTER, Agent.

Books for the Holidays.

As will be seen by their advertisement elsewhere, Gildenfenney & Co., at their new store corner opposite the COMMERCIAL building, have every variety of books suitable for holiday presentation, from the costly and elaborate art works with beautiful heliotype illustrations down to the gaudily colored picture primer on linen or paper for children. Their list of gift books is a tempting one, and no more sensible gift can be selected than a handsome book. Their stock of holiday goods does not end with books, but embraces all kinds of beautiful desks, picture frames, work baskets and boxes, pocketbooks, albums, stereoscopes, and a thousand and one pretty knicknacks all of which they sell at low prices. They also have on their counter all the foreign and domestic magazines, reviews, illustrated, comic and story papers, the cheapest of all other fiction, the *Lakeside Library*, etc., etc.

A Day in the Minerville School.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

We do not often close our public schools under the head of places of amusement, but my experience this morning has impressed me with the feeling that here are mines of undeveloped capabilities. I do not expect to see a happier holiday morning this whole season than this has been. It was spent in the Minerville school house. The children seemed all inspired; the air was fragrant with cheerful good will, happy recollections, Christmas and New Years hopes, and music, especially music. Professor Linhart was there; he was his violin; add these together and "carry" fifty or a hundred child-voices, and it foots up music. The very little people added immensely to the excitement made it hard to keep still. I felt that I had as good a right as any of them to "eastward point" and "westward point," "all in a row." The visitors, indeed, were constrained to feel that they were themselves the only stupid *dramatis personæ* in the case. Some of the scholars had a class of old [St.] Nick in them. I was pleased to notice, however, that while, as was proper, the greater part of the music was of a rollicking, joyous type, a few were also sung that would tend to elevate and chasten the pupils' taste. "Autumn leaves," for example, was done so tenderly and sweetly that the visitors remembered Professor Rinehart and his obliging choir an *encore*.

After a little speaking in the elegant hall or lecture room—every well meant, and taken by the children in very good part—we inspected the school rooms, listening to a few specimen recitations, examining the pupils' work on the blackboard in arithmetic, grammar, &c. Universal praise was given to the crayon displays upon the boards. Miss Anderson, who presided, I might have said, at the organ, was mentioned as having executed these really artistic efforts.

In conclusion, I congratulate the Minerville school board, Professor Harrison and his eleven assistants on the evident prosperity of the school. C.

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A SALOON FIRE.

Serious Damage to the White House.

About six o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the rear of the White House saloon, No.'s 71 and 73 Fifth avenue, next the COMMERCIAL office. An alarm was given from box 24, and the Fire Department responded at once. Great volumes of smoke were issuing from the saloon and when the firemen forced an entrance they discovered that the entire first floor was enveloped in flames. They labored effectively, and soon succeeded in gaining control of the fire, preventing it from extending to the upper floor. The bar was completely ruined, and there were five or six elegant mirrors, with elaborately carved walnut frames, all of which were rendered worthless by the intense heat. The marble counters, fine glass bar fixtures, etc., were also destroyed, while the seats, wine case, tables and other fixtures in the auditorium were also destroyed. The loss has not yet been ascertained, but from appearances it will amount to between four and five thousand dollars. It is fully covered by insurance. Some idea of the heat in the building may be obtained from the fact that a number of cages, in which were birds confined, were melted, and the songsters literally cremated. Two valuable dogs, which were kept in the saloon, were also burned to death. The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, but from the place in which it seems to have started, it was probably caused by throwing a lighted cigar in the sawdust. The men in the establishment say they smelled burning wood before the house closed last night, but were unable, after a thorough examination, to discover any indications of fire.

One portion of the main floor was occupied by T. W. Baker, tobacconist. His stock was injured, but not very seriously.

George Duncan an employee, who slept in a room on the second-story, escaped from a front window by means of a ladder furnished by outsiders. The building is owned by John H. Sawyer, Esq., who holds a policy of insurance for six thousand dollars. This will more than cover his loss.

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THE RETURN OF GRIER.

Startling Report of "Man Missing."

The Prominent Merchant and Some-what-of-a-Politician Said to Have Left the City—No Developments from Grier Yet.

The topic of conversation everywhere in the two cities is the return of Grier and what developments regarding the Nation Trust Company affairs he will make. The rumor, current last evening among the knowing ones, will, as it spreads, intensify the interest felt in the matter and the whole public will be on the *qui vive* to hear Robert's report, subject of course, to a rigid cross-examination under oath. Much concerning the affairs of the unfortunate corporation has been withheld from the public, many innocent men have suffered in purse and from suspicion, and there is a necessity, in the interest of these, that the true "inwardness" of that rotten concern be shown up. It is certain that Mr. Grier can do this, and he owes it to his friends, for himself as well as for those who have suffered, that the guilty ones, no matter who they be, shall not escape so far as his explanations may convict them.

THE LATEST RUMOR.

The rumor stated above as current last evening is that the prominent East End merchant and the some-what-of-a-politician are one and the same individual, and that the said person yesterday left the city for an indefinite period as did Grier three years ago. The gentleman alluded to was named to our reporter and an investigation gathered the names of several persons who had given currency to the report. It was impossible last night to verify the report, but, while we can hardly give credit to it, the statements are so substantiated that we feel justified in giving it to our readers.

Mr. Grier declines as yet to speak. The reporters have made every effort to get something from him, but the avaits instructions from his attorney of the stockholders. Mr. Shiras has had an interview with him, but there has been no meeting of the stockholders with him to go over the books as stated.

HOMICIDE

Man Killed by a Blow With a Brick on the Breast—A Youth of Seventeen the Perpetrator—He Gives Himself Up—Circumstances of the Affair.

A homicide with singular attendant circumstances occurred yesterday afternoon in the machine shop of J. & J. B. Milholland, on Old avenue, at the junction of Fifth avenue. Between three and four o'clock Frank Zeigler, an employee, got into an altercation with an apprentice named Albert Sutherland, aged between seventeen and eighteen, about a tool which was claimed by the latter. After some words between the parties Zeigler struck Sutherland on the side. The latter in a rage seized a piece of brick that had been detached from the wall and hurled it at Zeigler. The missile struck the person intended on the left breast and Zeigler, without a word, sank toward the floor, but was caught by a fellow workman. Young Sutherland in terror ran from the second floor, where the occurrence took place, to the office below and said to Mr. James Milholland, "I've killed Frank." Mr. Milholland was terror stricken, the utterance and manner of the boy, showing that something dreadful had happened. Mr. Gracey, foreman, ran up and found Zeigler fatally, but Zeigler breathed but twice after he got to his side. Drs. Batten and Gallagher were promptly called in, and they at once pronounced the unfortunate man dead.

Deceased was a man something over thirty years of age and leaves a wife and three children. He resided in Allegheny city. Zeigler had been in the employ of the firm for a considerable time, his work being mainly blacksmithing jobs.

Sutherland, soon after the occurrence, gave himself up and was placed in the lock-up. He resides with his widowed mother on Scott street, in the Seventh ward. He says that he had worked with Zeigler for a year, and had always been on the friendliest terms with him. He cannot believe that the blow with the piece of brick could have caused the death of the unfortunate man. Physicians will no doubt be called upon to make a *post mortem* examination, and the result will be given before the Coroner.

THE TEMPERANCE WORK

Another Crowded House—Meetings To-day and To-morrow.

The Fifth avenue M. P. Church was crowded to its utmost capacity again last evening. After the usual devotional exercises Mr. Murphy made a short address and a number of reformed men spoke, many of whom related sad experiences, all of which were caused by rum. The meeting was an interesting one throughout and at its close many signatures to the pledge were obtained.

The meeting at Library Hall on to-morrow evening will, in addition to Mr. Murphy, be addressed by M. Swartzwelder, Esq., Captain Robert Pollock, Colonel Reaif, Joseph R. Hunter and S. T. Paisley.

The noonday prayer meeting to day and the meeting this evening will be held in Smithfield street Methodist Episcopal church, corner Smithfield street and Sixth avenue.

An all-day meeting will be held in the Methodist Protestant church, on Fifth avenue, on Christmas. Meetings will be held in this church each day and evening during the coming week.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

United States District Court—Judge Ketcham.

Edward Merriman, of Sewickley, Allegheny county, and John S. Miller, of Huntingdon county, filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy. The former was referred to Register Shafer and the latter to Register Brotherline.

John J. Shutterly, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Order made for hearing on motion for injunction for 2d prox., meantime restraining Wm. King.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Sterrett and Collier.

The trial list having been exhausted, no business of importance was transacted in this Court yesterday.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Kirkpatrick and White.

The jury in the case of Daniel Bushnell for use of Lockhart & Frew vs. the Union Refining and Storing Company, which has been on trial for a week past, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for $16,149. The plaintiffs in the case claimed damages in the sum of $50,000, besides actual loss, for an alleged violation of contract on the part of the defendants, it being alleged that they refused to receive and pay for a large quantity of oil which they had agreed to take, consequently the oil was thrown back onto the hands of the plaintiffs, and they were obliged to sell it at a loss. The plaintiffs also claimed pay for a quantity of oil which was received by the defendants but not paid for. The jury awarded the plaintiffs the value of the oil delivered but not paid for, and the actual loss sustained by the failure of the defendants to accept the other amount delivered, but not held them no damages. The actual loss claimed was $10,400 and the interest from the time of the transaction, 1867, to date, swelled the amount to the sum found by the jury. The defendants had directed the plaintiffs to deliver the oil to McKee, Heckett & Co., for them, the defendants. Messrs. Lockhart & Frew could not find McKee, Heckett & Co., but did find the parties who had been acting as their agents, and the oil was delivered to them. The defendants claimed that these parties were only the agents of McKee, Heckett & Co. for special transactions, and not their general agents, and hence there was not a delivery. The whole case turned on this one point.

John J. McFeel vs. John J. Walker. Verdict for plaintiff for $55 20.

Henry Waldschmidt vs. Pollock Eaton; action of replevin for a horse. Verdict for defendant.

John Marshall vs. James Graham. Verdict for plaintiff for $35.

Lillie Ward, by her next friend, vs. Samuel Ser: trespass; action of trover and conversion. Verdict for plaintiff for $380.

Jacob Lonerbaugh vs. Joseph Lefever; action on a book account. Verdict for plaintiff for $41 46.

William Evans and wife vs. Dolly Fellmeth *et al.*; action for damage to property. On trial.

Louis Celia vs. James P. Quinn; an appeal from an Alderman's decision. On trial.

The bond of James H. Reno, County Engineer, with John Mackin and William J. Lewis sureties in the sum of $10,000, was presented and approved.

George W. Hazen was admitted to practice in this court.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

Thomas Mullen pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny and receiving stolen goods, preferred by Henry Rozier.

A nolle pros was allowed in the case of F. Abert, William Abert, John Hoffman, Jr. and Henry Hoffman, charged with riot, by Henry Heiker.

Charles Wilbert was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery, and the costs were equally divided between him and the prosecutor, William Elsenhart.

Thomas McCarty, Cornelius Ford and John O'Brien were acquitted of a charge of robbery, but Ford was convicted of a charge of attempt to commit a felony. Charles Miller was the prosecutor.

Joseph Saville, indicted for larceny from the person and receiving stolen goods, pleaded *nolle contendere* to the second count. William M. Hartzell was the prosecutor.

William McIntosh was acquitted of a charge of larceny as bailee, preferred by H. C. Pitts.

A nolle pros. was allowed in the case of L. Wilson, charged with counterfeiting a bank check and passing the same.

John Gorley was acquitted of a charge of larceny from the person, preferred by Louis Elsesser.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Adjourned Meeting of the Select Branch—Resolutions on the Death of a Member—Passage of the Ordinance Fixing the Mayor's Salary—Also, the "Waiter Girl" Ordinance—Other Important Business.

An adjourned meeting of Select Council was held yesterday afternoon, in order to avoid holding a meeting on Christmas day.

At half-past two P. M. Clerk Morrow called the roll, when it was found that only thirty members—seven less than a quorum—were present.

DEATH OF MR. DEITRICH.

Mr. Weidon moved that the members present organize, with Mr. David Aiken in the chair, for the purpose of considering a preamble and resolutions relative to the death of Mr. Stephen Deitrich, member of this body from the Fifteenth ward. The motion prevailed, and the preamble and resolutions were presented as follows:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst, by death, our late fellow member from the Fifteenth ward, Stephen Deitrich; and

WHEREAS, The deceased has been an honorable and upright member of this, the Select branch of Councils, and his public life has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deeply lament the death of one whose warm and consistent friendship, charitable disposition and genial character endeared him to all with whom he was brought in contact.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in this the hour of their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That Councils attend the funeral in a body.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

A quorum having by this time been obtained, Council proceeded, with Mr. Aiken in the chair, to the transaction of business as follows:

RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Mr. John F. Dannison, member from the Twenty-first ward, was presented and accepted, and a resolution authorizing the Mayor to issue a proclamation for an election to fill the vacancy was adopted.

STATE CAPITAL REMOVAL SCHEME.

Mr. C. P. Duff presented a preamble and resolutions requesting the members of the Legislature from this county to oppose the removal of the State capital to Philadelphia. The members were also urged to move in the matter of creating the State of Western Pennsylvania if the scheme of removal of the capital be persisted in. The resolutions were adopted.

MAYOR'S SALARY ORDINANCE.

Mr. Powers called up the ordinance fixing the salary of the Mayor at $6,000 per annum, in lieu of all fees, and that the Mayor shall pay into the city treasury all fees and costs received by him.

Mr. Hunier offered an amendment that the salary be $4,000 per year, which, after some discussion, was rejected.

After some further discussion, the roll was called, resulting in the adoption of the ordinance in its original shape.

NO PROPOSITION FROM THE N. T. C.

Mr. Weldon asked if there was any proposition before Council from the Nation Trust Company.

The Chair—There is not.

An ordinance changing the width of Sylvan avenue from fifty to forty feet was adopted.

WAITER GIRLS AND PAWNBROKERS.

Mr. C. P. Duff called up the waiter girl ordinance, and it was passed.

Mr. Jeremy offered a preamble and resolutions asking the Legislature to extend the provisions of the act of Assembly restricting pawnbrokers to a rate of five per cent. a month to cities of the second class. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Mr. Herron offered a resolution that the use of the old City Hall, in the Diamond, be granted to Francis Murphy for the purpose of holding temperance meetings. Referred to the Market Committee.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the Message Clerk of Councils at $500 per annum was passed.

An ordinance changing the place of holding elections in the First precinct of the Third ward was passed.

Mr. Herron called up the ordinance for granting and paying Exchange alley from Fourth street to Evans alley, which was passed.

COMPLIMENTARY TO PRESIDENT GROSS.

Mr. Aiken (Mr. Bruce in the chair) offered the following:

WHEREAS, The term of office of our esteemed President, Dr. A. H. Gross, member from the Twentieth ward, expired with this Centennial year; and

WHEREAS, On account of serious and continued illness, he has been prevented from occupying the chair during the last several months, and consequently declined a re-election; therefore

Resolved, That we regret his illness and separation from us, and that we trust his health may be speedily restored.

Resolved, That he was ever faithful, attentive, courteous and impartial in the discharge of the duties of his office, and that our thanks are eminently due and are hereby tendered him for the manner in which he discharged his duties and the interest he manifested in public affairs and the best interests of the city generally.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution for a warrant for $3,000 for the payment of the police, from the appropriation for printing, was adopted.

Resolutions for warrants for tax exonerations, passed in Common Council, were adopted.

A number of resolutions for refunding overpaid taxes, reported by the Appeal Committee, were adopted.

DELAYED BILLS CONSIDERED.

An ordinance authorizing the grading and paving of Pride street, from Bluff street to Quince alley was called up and passed. Also, an ordinance for opening Reed street from Overhill to Dinwiddie street.

Mr. MacConnell called up the ordinance for the construction of a 20-inch pipe sewer on Beach alley and Second street, from Gist street to Seneca street. Passed.

Ordinance granting Elizabeth Mc Coughy the right to erect a frame addition to her building, on Butler street, Fourth ward. Failed for want of a legal majority.

A resolution for the erection of gas lamps by the West Pittsburgh Gas Company, which was non-concurred in by Common Council, was taken up, and a committee of conference, consisting of Messrs. Buckley and Shipton on the part of this branch, appointed.

Mr. C. P. Duff offered a resolution directing the Water Committee to have the fire under Herron's Hill Reservoir extinguished. Referred.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Miss Maggie Mitchell's benefit drew a large and very appreciative audience to the Opera House last night. It is needless to say that all were charmed by the little lady's excellent acting as *Mignon*, as well as with the beautiful play. All who took part in the performance did their best, and the result was a splendid entertainment.

Miss Mitchell's engagement closes tonight, so that two opportunities to see "Mignon"—at this afternoon's matinee, and in the evening. She will be warmly welcomed when she comes to us again.

"Not Guilty."

Watts Phillips' powerful melodrama, will hold the boards at the Opera House during next week, beginning with a matinee on Christmas day. Mr. Gotthold will impersonate *Robert Arnold*, his part played by the celebrated English actor, Irving, on the original production of the piece in England; while Mr. Stockwell will be cast for *Jack*, the character played by Toole. In scenery and effects the piece will excel anything done here for a long time.

Library Hall—Minstrels.

Emerson's California minstrels gave their highly enjoyable entertainment last evening before a large and fashionable audience, and were liberally applauded throughout. The singing, especially, in both the first and second parts, came in for marked demonstrations of approval.

They give their last performances this afternoon and evening, and no one who sets store by jolly fun can afford to miss hearing them.

Rose Eytinge.

On Christmas day, at the matinee performance, Miss Rose Eytinge, one of the brightest lights in the dramatic firmament, will commence an engagement at Library Hall, beginning with the standard English play of "Love's Sacrifice," assuming the character of *Constance*. In this *role* she has no superior on the stage. On Monday evening she will impersonate *Lady Isabel* in the emotional drama of "East Lynne." On Tuesday evening "The Geneva Cross" will be brought out, with Miss Eytinge as *Gabrielle*. She it was who first made this play popular in New York in 1875. It will probably be repeated each evening during the remainder of her stay.

Musical and Literary Contest.

A number of our Welsh citizens have made arrangements for a musical and literary entertainment for Christmas day, to take place at Ashland Hall, Wylie near Fifth avenue, and a grand concert at the same place in the evening. Prizes amounting to $300 will be given to the successful competitors in music, and prose and poetical composition. In the evening the chorus, "And the glory of the Lord," will be rendered by a chorus of two hundred well trained voices. Prof. D. J. J. Mason, of Wilkesbarre, and D. H. Johns, Esq., of Soho, will aid in the entertainments.

Academy of Music—Minstrels.

Simmons & Slocum's minstrels, an old and popular troupe, are announced to appear at the Academy of Music for one week, commencing on Christmas day. The Baltimore *Gazette* says that the quartette headed by Simmons & Slocum is the very best that has appeared there, while it awards high praise to their entire performance. They have with them a trained dog, which takes a leading part in one of the acts. Seats can be secured at the box office of the Academy.

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THE NEW POINT BRIDGE.

The Huge Chains Finally Put in Place.

The main chains of the new Point bridge were completed last evening, the last coupling of the huge links having been made shortly after six o'clock. The two chains together as they now hang weigh 240 tons. To-day work will be commenced at attaching the suspending rods from the chains. To the lower extremities of these rods will be attached heavy iron beams which will support the floor. The rods will be put in place during the next three weeks and the floor will be completed by February 1st. The entire structure will be finished by March 1st.

Last Day at the "Brodie."

To-day will be Mr. Martin's last day in Pittsburgh. During the last two days he has been playing with all comers, mostly players of little skill, but who desired to play one game with the champion. To-day Mr. Martin will be opposed by Clouser and Reed, and an interesting time is expected.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

JOHN WILSON, JR., who has been quite ill for some days past, is about again.

NINE prisoners from Cambria county were lodged in the Penitentiary yesterday.

THE report of the injury of an employee at the Keystone Bridge Works was incorrect.

THE total loss by fire in this city during 1876 will be less rather than greater than that of 1875.

A LADY of Allegheny lost a pocket book containing $125 on Federal street, Thursday evening.

IT is said that corner loafers are even more susceptible to a cold wave than the thermometers.

MRS. DR. SPENCER, Miss Wallace and Mr. Colville sing at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Christmas day.

THE Allegheny schools were closed yesterday afternoon for the holiday vacation, which will extend to January 2, 1877.

IT is said that the all-prevailing cardinal red color was introduced by a red umbrella at the Bois de Boulogne races last spring.

BLESSED is the man who sprinkles ashes on the streets, for his feet shall be long on the sidewalks which the city has put down for him.

MAYOR PHILLIPS has issued his proclamation for an election in the First ward for a Select Councilman to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Dalyne.

JAMES MCCONNELL, a lad aged fourteen years, whose parents reside on Congress street, fell on the ice, on Sixth street, yesterday afternoon, and had a leg broken.

MR. JOHN STOFET, the coal merchant of the South Side, who has been missing from his home for some time, is reported as having been drowned near Bellaire, Ohio.

LADIES' muffs this season are made very small and plain, but the animated muff after all is the one who thinks there is large enough for three hands is just as large and thick-headed as ever.

THE alarm of fire last evening was the discovery of "a blaze" in the job printing establishment of John E. Wiseman, Liberty street. The fire was extinguished with but little loss.

A FASTIDIOUS lady, in discussing the political situation recently, spoke of "Hayseman cow napping." The company present were at once removed from the room in an insensible condition.

GEORGIE REYNOLDS, a notorious woman of the town, was committed to jail last evening by Alderman McMasters for a hearing on a charge of keeping a house of prostitution. Kate McIntyre made the information.

THOSE who expect great developements from ex-Cashier Grier should remember that nearly three years ago he put a statement on record. It was made through John H. Bailey, Esq., who was then Receiver for the bank.

A LADY of Allegheny, while on her way home from this city Thursday night, was seized by two ruffians, near the Sharpsburg street bridge, and dragged down to the river bank. Her screams brought the police to her aid, and the villains fled.

THE very original young man will soon have an opportunity of exercising his ingenuity in getting up fancy designs for New Year's calling cards. It is the easiest, and at the same time one of the most effective ways for advertising ideas.

MR. JOHN CADDES, engineer of the Lincoln fire engine, Allegheny, led to the hymeneal altar, yesterday morning, Miss Lizzie Fagan. The wedding took place in the Sandusky Street Baptist Church, and the happy pair have gone East on a wedding tour. They have the good wishes of many friends.

AT the annual election of Franklin Lodge, A. Y. M., No. 221, held at Masonic Hall Thursday evening, the following officers were chosen: John D. Biggert, W. M.; Samuel Francis, S. W.; Ed. Hamundson, Jr., J. W.; John W. Hanly, Treasurer; R. W. McConnell, Secretary.

CONSTABLE D. L. MCKNIGHT, of Squire Swift's office, who had notified Squire Swift's office, who had notified Squire Swift on Thursday, while out the Perrysville road, serving a summons, was out yesterday scouring the country from east to west in the hope of recovering his property, which he values at $150.

Two children of Mr. John L. Hines, who resides on Manhattan street, Sixth ward, Allegheny city, fell down a flight of stairs Wednesday evening, and the youngest, a little boy one year old, is seriously injured. The other child, who is about nine years old, escaped with slight bruises.

SIX vagrants were taken from the Eighth ward cooke ovens to the Allegheny lock-up Thursday night, five of whom, John Bradley, John Smith, Thomas Murray, Thomas Jones and John Dyer, were sent to the Workhouse for sixty days, and the sixth, Robert McAdams, was given ninety days in the same institution.

THERE was an unusual suit brought yesterday before Alderman L. C. Smith, of Allegheny. A member of Tribe 93, of the Order of Red Men, claimed sick benefits for a period of twenty weeks, which the Tribe refused to pay. The member sued the Tribe, and the magistrate gave judgment for the plaintiff.

LET no father or mother say that they are too poor this year to make their children Christmas presents. A man is never so poor that he cannot devise some simple gift, even if it be no more than a potato whittled into the semblance of a human face or a spool doll. It is a children's day, the Christian world over, but an empty stocking makes it miserably dreary and sad.

A CHARGE of the larceny by ballee of a gold ring is alleged before Squire Smith by Alderman Schimmer against Robert Oliver. The accused kept company with deponent, and left the ring with her after ringing from her finger several months ago, at a ball. Deponent alleges that she asked him for it the other evening, when he told her to go to Heads. The accused was held for a hearing.

THE Principals of the North avenue and Irwin schools, in Allegheny, have adopted an alarm signal, that in case of any danger of fire scholars can be dismissed promptly. They tried it this week, and it worked well. In some rooms where the classes were reciting, they were dismissed, books strapped, wraps put on, and in line, and passed out of the building in perfect order in less than four minutes.

WE will frankly confess that we do not believe it, and yet—and yet some of our young ladies' walk is very peculiar. However, it is a well known fashion exchange that says: "The discomfort of tight-fitting dress has not reached its climax. It is not sufficient that skirts and petticoats are so shirred as to prevent the convenients of the limbs, but it has now been discovered that a very hard piece of elastic fastened from one knee to to the other by means of the garters, prevents all possibility of disturbing this comfortable arrangement."

S. A. Clarke & Co.'s

Book Store, Wood street, near Fifth avenue, will be open to-night until eleven o'clock.

Christmas—Extra.

TO MEET THE UNUSUAL DEMAND FOR FINE GOODS, MR. McFADDEN OF FIFTY-THREE, FIFTH AVENUE, JUST RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM THE EASTERN FACTORIES LARGE INVOICES OF THE LATEST AND CHOICEST GOODS, SUCH AS FINE WATCHES, DIAMONDS, STONE CAMEO SETS, PINS AND RINGS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN'S SCARF PINS, STONE CAMEO RINGS, LOCKETS, SLEEVE BUTTONS AND STUDS, ELEGANT ROMAN GOLD AND FANCY ENAMEL LOCKETS, GENTLEMEN'S RINGS AND NECKLACES, SOLID STERLING SILVER WARE, &c., &c. PLENTY FOR ALL, AND AT PRICES SO LOW THAT NOBODY CAN COMPLAIN. MR. MCFADDEN'S STORE IS INDEED THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PLACE IN PITTSBURGH. ON SATURDAY EVENING TO ACCOMMODATE HOOD FRIENDS AMONG THE WORKING PEOPLE, MR. MCFADDEN WILL KEEP HIS STORE OPEN UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK AND LATER IF NECESSARY.

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